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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/504,998
Filing Date	February 15, 2000
First Named Inventor	Yasuhiro SATO
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	David Y. Chung
Attorney Docket Number	NECF 17.054

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 11/21/2003 JADD01 00000072 501290 09504998
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1290
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: **STRUCTURE FOR MOUNTING A LIQUID CRYSTAL MODULE,
AND PORTABLE DATA TERMINAL OR INFORMATION
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT USING THIS STRUCTURE**

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Group Art Unit: 2871

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AMENDMENT

S I R :

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after September 18, 2003, the period for response not being extended for more than two months, please amend the subject application as follows:

